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## Sir Wilfred Grenfell Commencement Speaker At Seminary In June

Sir Wilfred Grenfell, well known as the "great Labrador Doctor" who has been a frequent and welcome visitors to Northfield has been chosen as the commencement speaker for the graduating class of the Seminary, this coming June. The now famous physician and missionary was born in England in 1865. He began his work in Labrador in 1892, after he had completed his school-days at Oxford and studies at London hospital, White-chapel. In Labrador he founded four hospitals, an orphanage, and a school, and established the cooperative movement there. Shortly before going to Labrador, he had become interested in mission work among mariners. He maintained homes on land and mission-boats were sent out to sea.

In 1912 he established the Fifth Seaman's Institute in St. John's Newfoundland.

He received the gold medal from the National Society of Social Sciences in 1920. In 1927 he was knighted. He was elected rector of St. Andrew's University in Scotland in 1928, and in 1929 he received the honorary degree of L.L.D. from Princeton.

He has written several books which are mostly on Labrador, and in medical fields. He also has written an autobiography called "A Labrador Doctor."

Sir Wilfred Grenfell has many personal friends here and they will again be happy to greet him. The graduating class of the Seminary have made a fortunate selection.

## Attend The Card Party Health Council Benefit

Next Thursday will be Washington's birthday, and the local Health Council is planning for a card party to be held at the town hall to raise funds for its work. Members of the Council have already disposed of a large number of tickets and assurance has been given that a large number of our citizens will attend. There will be provision made at the tables for each to enjoy his favorite game, pitch, whist, auction and contract bridge. There will be prizes for each set of games as well as a door prize and tickets include refreshments. Make a definite promise with yourself that you will attend the card party at the town hall on the evening of Washington's birthday. Committees appointed are: Mrs. Charles Taber, Mrs. John Holden, Mrs. Fred Holton, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, refreshments; Mrs. Ethel Hopkins, prizes; Mrs. John Holden and Mrs. G. V. McNeil, publicity; Mrs. Carroll Miller, Miss Mary Dalton, Mrs. Ray Thompson, Mrs. George Pefferle, tables and chairs; Miss Anne Mattoon, tickets. Tickets are on sale by council members.

## Seminary - Hermon Sunday Speakers

Dr. Henry Hallam Tweedy of Yale will speak at Northfield Seminary twice on Sunday, Feb. 18. Services in Sage Chapel will be held at 11 a.m. with vespers at 8 p.m.

Mount Hermon students will hear Dr. Samuel McC. Cawert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches in America, who will also deliver two addresses. Dr. Cawert will speak in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Bequest To Schools

A bequest of \$15,377 has come to the Northfield Schools this month from the estate of Mrs. M. Jennette Hamlin, a summer resident of East Northfield before her death in 1918. Two persons, now deceased, had a life interest in this money which Mrs. Hamlin willed to the schools.

Harmony Lodge of Masons will hold its regular meeting in Masonic hall next Wednesday evening.

## Blizzard Strikes Here Winters Big Storm Over A Foot of Snow

It's been a long cold winter with the thermometer down so low that coal piles and stock of fuel wood have disappeared as if by magic, and we have become weary of the season and long for spring with its promise of warmer weather, the singing of birds and the planting of flowers. Many days have been pleasant however and those who enjoy the winter sports, have had opportunity to do so, but to a large number of our citizens, the weather has meant an existence, confined somewhat to the home and fireside. With the month of February, passing rapidly, and the enjoyment of several days of rising temperatures, we are now abashed at the sudden storm which arrived Tuesday evening and continued in increasing intensity until Thursday noon. The snow fell steadily to a depth of from 14 to 18 inches and the howling wind piled up the drifts, making traffic impossible on all but the main thoroughfares. The snow plows were out continuously on both the state highways and the town roads and crews of men worked valiantly to keep the roads open. In open places drifts were formed that proved difficult to remove. Automobiles traveled slowly as visibility was poor and only those with chains made any progress. In fact there were only a few that were out on necessary errands. Fortunately the electric light service was well maintained throughout the storm. Temperatures was about 18 throughout with colder weather following and then rising on Friday. Everybody did their share of snowshoeing after this blizzard.

## Mrs. Mary H. Hall

Mary Houghton Hall died in Keene early Tuesday evening after brief illness. She was born in Hinsdale, N. H., Oct. 19, 1866, the daughter of Christopher Allen and Harriett (Baker) Mason. She was married to Albert L. Hall in Keene April 11, 1885 and they made their home in Hinsdale until his death Feb. 11, 1937 when she moved to Keene. Surviving are six children, Miss Edith M. Hall of Philadelphia; Mrs. Frank C. Minor of Keene; Mrs. Ross L. Spencer of Northfield; Edward A. Ernest W. and Ellis C. all of Detroit. Also two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Atwood and Mrs. Lawrence Butler of Hinsdale and a brother, Frank E. Mason of Boston. The funeral services will be held in Hinsdale, this Friday afternoon at one thirty o'clock at Lambs Funeral home, Rev. Willis E. Smith, pastor of the First Congregational church, of Keene, will officiate assisted by Rev. Ray E. Butterfield of the Congregational church of Hinsdale of which Mrs. Hall was a member. Burial will be in Pine Grove cemetery.

## With The Grange

Members of the local Grange held a Valentine party on Tuesday evening. There were readings by Lewis Shine, Mrs. Cora Hale, Herman Burdick, Mrs. Pearl Allen and Mrs. Bertha Rikert. Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays were commemorated by readings. Austin Phelps read the palms of members and refreshments were served. Mrs. Ruth Holton was appointed secretary and Carroll H. Miller, treasurer to act in the places of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Farnum who are in Florida for several weeks.

Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange met with Northfield Grange Wednesday. A business session during the morning was followed by a luncheon at noon, served by Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, Mrs. Vira Miller, and Mrs. Hattie Durant. The afternoon was devoted to a program of sociability and pastimes under direction of Mrs. Clarence Field of Greenfield.

William D. Miller was in Boston last Saturday attending the Sportsmen's show in Mechanics Building.

## All Day Institute

On Wednesday, Feb. 28 the annual regional institute of the Womans Christian Temperance Union will be held here in Alexander Hall. The program will open at eleven o'clock and lunch will be served at noon. The speakers will present the work of four departments followed by discussion. The afternoon session will begin at 1:45 o'clock and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. Bernardston will send a large delegation.

## YOUR STATE SENATOR

### James A. Gunn

Speaks Tuesday, February 20, at 7:30 p. m.  
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We are still plugging for Finnish and Polish relief. Although the honorary relief committee for Northfield is not yet complete for publication, the acting treasurer Mrs. Walter Hyde at the Bookstore will be glad to receive your contribution and forward to headquarters. Don't wait. Give now as need is necessary.

## Legion Holds Contest High School Students

On Wednesday evening of last week, the American Legion oratorical contest was held in Alexander Hall with eight students participating. The winners were Valentine Plotczyk, first; Donald Newton, second; and Ethel Tenney honorable mention, all members of the junior class. The winners were presented medals. The essays were prepared under the direction of Miss Phyllis Turner of the English department although all teachers assisted in the preparation of the speeches. The judges were William Wilson, Robert Marr and Humphrey Hadley of Mount Hermon. The other five who took part in the contest and presented papers were Elizabeth Nilo, Ian French, Frances Eddy, Evelyn Russell and Joseph Holton. Plotczyk's subject was "Why a Constitution" and Newton's "History of our Constitution."

Dr. Arthur E. Westwell of Belchertown, district chairman of the oratorical committee, made a few remarks of congratulation to contestants, faculty and friends. Musical selections were given by Margaret M. Donahue, Arlene G. Dunnell, Gloria M. Saycheff, and Carlene Tyler. There was a large attendance, comprising students, members of the local Legion, auxiliaries and friends.

## Morgans Anniversary At Northfield Farms

Notwithstanding the inclement weather of last week Tuesday, a large number of friends called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Morgan at Northfield Farms to congratulate them upon the observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends presented them with a sum of money, and they received many flowers and gifts. Mrs. Morgan received from friends in Athol a most beautiful bouquet. The evening was spent in a social way and Mrs. Morgan cut the "brides cake" and presented a piece to each guest. Refreshments were also served to all callers by a committee of hostesses who assisted Mrs. Morgan. Many guests were present from out of town places and a large number of our local citizens also called at the home.

## Gill Is Debt Free Expects Lower Tax

Our neighbor town of Gill, in which the Mount Hermon school is located, is in a comfortable financial condition with no debt and a lower tax rate expected. There is one outstanding bill of \$1263.36 for tuition which will be included in this year's appropriations.

Town officials said "Unless extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures arise the officers look forward to another year of steady improvement with a possibility of further reduction in the tax rate."

Cash on hand on Dec. 31, 1939, was \$14,466.51. This was \$3220.28 more than the balance of \$11,146.23 reported on Dec. 31, 1938. Receipts for 1939 were about the same as the preceding year but expenditures were \$3200 less.

Treasurer Earl N. Squires reported.

Uncollected taxes at the close of 1939 were \$7895.98, \$153.78 less than in 1938, while surplus revenue increased \$770.21 to \$10,955.82. Total valuation increased \$4,202 to \$837,261, while the tax rate was reduced from \$33 to \$28.50, a net reduction of \$4.50 a thousand.

A public hearing will be held in the Warwick town hall, March 1 at 2 p.m. on a petition of the selection of that town in which relocation of the Northfield road in Warwick is sought. It would be about one-half mile from the Northfield town line.

All of our citizens are urged to attend the public meeting held by the Brotherhood of the Congregational church next Tuesday evening at the church at 7:30 o'clock to hear Senator James A. Gunn of Turners Falls talk on state governmental matters. It will be a worthwhile meeting.

## From Surgeon Gage About Florida Fruit

An authentic bit of information from Florida, in regard to the cold down there, comes in an airmail letter from our fellow man, Surgeon Gage, now an orange orchardist, who has a home in Orlando, as well as a residence in Northfield. He fears that friends might feel that he has stopped shipping fruit since the freeze down here. This is not the case, and since the freeze he has shipped some 50 bushels, all certifying that the fruit comes from a protected grove and has been O.K'd by the State Inspector, as free from serious frost damage. Surgeon Gage states emphatically that prices have not advanced and he hopes to keep his prices low as long as possible. The trees in the orchards of Mr. Gage were not seriously damaged and the shrubs which were cut are already growing. The late Valentine oranges seem unharmed. His crop of potatoes are looking especially fine this year and onions, cabbage and lettuce look thrifty. He adds, "the mocking birds and cardinals sing again and the robins are stopping over on their way north."

## County Fair Society Reelects Officers

At the meeting of the Franklin County Agricultural Society held at the Mansion House in Greenfield last Saturday Fred B. Dole of Shilburne was unanimously reelected President, Whitman B. Wells of Greenfield, secretary and William C. Conant, Treasurer. Other officers were also reelected. The highlight of the meeting was the announcement that the organization is in a healthy financial condition and had reduced its mortgage on the fair grounds to \$4600. Last year's receipts were \$16,108.18, the third largest in the past ten years. Many improvements are planned for Franklin Park and plans for the fair for this year are already under way.

## Planets Form Line In Sky This Month

If you are at all interested in observing the bright planets in the sky on those clear and cold evenings, or if you have watched the luminous bodies twinkle, perhaps you know of them by name and the time of their appearance, but this month beginning Feb. 23 you may witness an unusual spectacle. From that day to early in March if you watch carefully, you will find in the heavens, five of the brightest planets in the heavens, arranged in almost a perfect row. From the horizon upwards you can readily discern first, Mercury, then Jupiter, then Venus, then Saturn and then Mars. The heavens will not stage this show again for the eyes of the living, so see it while you may.

## Hermon Athletics

Three varsity sports teams from Mount Hermon moved into action this week. On Wednesday afternoon, the hockey squad closed its season at Deerfield, having won two and lost one. The basketball and fencing teams engaged Wilbraham here on the local courts. On Saturday, the swimmers open their season against the Trinity College frosh.

The second and third hockey teams meet Deerfield here and the Junior League basketball team played Wilbraham here following the varsity game. On Saturday the second and third hockey teams go to Vermont Academy.

Last Saturday Mount Hermon won over Vermont Academy in hockey in a score of 3-1 and at Amherst, Hermons wrestlers lost to Amherst frosh 23-11.

## Road Hearing

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## Valued Volume Stolen By Thief At Williams Forged Dr. Moody's Name

From the shelves of Stetson Library at Williams College, a first edition, printed in 1623 of Shakespeare's plays is missing. A man who identified himself as Sinclair Gilligan, presented himself last week Thursday, at the library with credentials, to which was attached the name of Dr. Paul D. Moody, President of Middlebury College, since proven to be a rank forgery. Only those with credentials can have access to that section of the library where such volumes are kept. About closing time, the loss was discovered and in place of the missing book was found a dummy which compared in size and make-up to the Shakespeare volume. The Shakespeare edition is very valuable and the four books in the set, valued at \$31,000 were gift of the late Alfred C. Chapman. The theft is considered to have been carefully planned. The stolen book is bound in red morocco and has an elaborate design with gilt edges. It was prepared by Bedford of London. There are very few of the books in existence to-day. Police and experts have been called into the case and are working feverishly to solve the robbery. Dr. Paul Moody was in Northfield last weekend and pronounced his signature to the credentials as rank forgery.

## Pocumtuck Meeting Scheduled The 27th

The Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association will hold its 70th annual meeting at the Memorial hall in Deerfield on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday the 27th. After the business meeting of this leading historical society, the reception of reports, etc., the sessions will be devoted to the delivery of historical addresses. Among the speakers will be Miss Emma L. Coleman of Boston, on the "Frary house in Old Deerfield"; Prof. George B. Burnett of Deerfield; Prof. Fredricka Turner of Amherst College on "historic Deerfield"; Mrs. Lucy Cutler Kellogg, author of the "History of Bernardston", "History of Greenfield" and "Buckland's Genealogies" on "Local Names." All who are interested in historical matters in this valley are invited to attend the meeting.

## Announce Engagement

The engagement is announced of Miss Marion Alice Gould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Gould of Newburyport and William Howard Niblock, son of Mrs. Eva R. Niblock of Lynn and a teacher at Mount Hermon school. Miss Gould was graduated from Radcliffe in 1935 and has been teaching in Beaver County Day school. Mr. Niblock was graduated from Bowdoin college in 1935 and received his masters degree from Harvard in 1936. No date has been named for the wedding.

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## Storm Damages Trees

The severe rain and sleet storm of last Saturday afternoon and night did considerable damage to the beautiful birch trees in the woodlands, and other places where they are to be found. Other trees suffered also with the heavy weight of ice and on the West Northfield Road a falling limb carried down the electric wires about four o'clock in the morning and put out of commission the street lights of the town. A working crew from Greenfield soon made repairs however. By Sunday noon the warm rays of the sun had melted the ice from the trees and the limbs were again bare.

## Mary of Scotland"

Tau Pi of Northfield Seminary will present "Mary of Scotland" under the direction of Miss Ritchie, in Silverthorne Hall on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The story of Mary was written by Maxwell Anderson, a well known playwright, and is the narrative of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scotland and centers around the effort of "Queen Bess" of England to remove Mary from the throne of Scotland by carrying out a sinister selfish plot. The story of how Elizabeth accomplishes her end and brings about the death of the heroic Mary Stuart is a thrilling story majestically told in a superb play, and beautifully acted out by a splendid hard-working cast. Doran Davis daughter of Capt. and Mrs. George Davis of Highland Ave., a member of the Junior class takes the part of Lord Gordon in the play.

The next scheduled lodge of instruction for members of the Masonic fraternity will be held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 27 with Republican Lodge of Masons at Greenfield. The speaker will be Rev. K. A. Handman, whose talk will be on Masonry in Europe.

## Foreign Policy Dinner At Weldon Next Monday Discuss Future Peace

The peace of the world, after the close of the European conflict, will be the subject to be discussed and seriously considered at the session of the Franklin County branch of the Foreign Policy association, which will be held at the Hotel Weldon, next Monday at 6:15 o'clock for a dinner and followed by the speaking program an hour later. Chairman David R. Porter, headmaster of Mount Hermon school, states that Prof. Karl Loewenstein, professor of Amherst college and former instructor in European universities with a broad personal background of that continent's problems, would be the chief speaker. Three members of the branch will deliver other phases before the question period.

Dr. Porter described the program as an attempt to assay more immediate steps to insure lasting world peace than the long-term world peace in "Union Now," which was the last topic of the FPA in conjunction with all service clubs of the country. He said the discussion might bring out possible weaknesses in the Clarence Street proposal but would attempt to find practical basis for his idealism.

Both the dinner and the meeting will be open to the public as well as to members of the association, who now number more than 60. Many from this town are members of the FPA and regularly attend its sessions.

## Religion Conference At State College

Speakers from College, church and labor unions will be on the program of the annual conference on religion at the State College in Amherst on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23 and 24, under the auspices of the Student United Religious Council.

Speakers representing Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths will appear in a symposium Friday evening. Dr. Joseph Van Vleck, Jr. of the Hartford Theological Seminary, will discuss "Religion as a training for participation in democracy." Rabbi William G. Braude of Providence will speak on "Religion and democracy" and Rev. Vincent C. Donovan, national director of the Catholic Thought Association, New York, will present a similar subject. James B. Carey of the Electrical, radio and machine workers will speak on "Unionism, Christianity in practice." Following round table discussions led by State College faculty members on Saturday the conference will close with an address by Dr. Julius S. Bixler of Harvard Divinity school. It is expected that many blank nominating petitions will be received here for signatures of local

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### Church Services

#### UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner  
Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. The third sermon in the Lenten studies will be on the subject "Who Am I?" The regular sewing meeting of the Alliance will be at Mrs. Robbin's home Thursday afternoon, Feb. 22.

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Rev. W. Stanley Carne

Sunday school at 10. At 11, Gospel service with "The Terror and Centleness of God" as the sermon subject. At 2:30, Sunday school at the Farms, followed by worship service. At 6:45, meeting of the C. E. At 7:30, evening service.

Tuesday at 6:30, monthly supper and program of the Brotherhood. At 3, Bible class meets with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel. At 7:30, C. E. cottage prayer service.

Thursday, sewing meeting of the Women's Missionary Society. At 7:30 weekly prayer service, followed by choir rehearsal.

Friday, 7:30, Evening Auxiliary with the Misses Hamilton.

#### Back Yard Gardener

Well, I suppose by this time you have already ordered your supply of new plants and flower seeds and also vegetable plants and seeds, or at least you have made up your mind what you are going to order. Or have you?

In other words, are you in the same position as I am when it comes to deciding which of the thousand and one varieties to select? You have only so much room and so why not do as I did? I write to the specialists at the State College for a list of varieties, both flowers and vegetables, which might be used by the amateur gardener. If you would like copies of these, I'd be more than pleased to send them to you. So just drop a line to the Back Yard Gardener, 62 North Prospect St., Amherst, Mass., and I'll see that you get a copy of either list or both if you wish them.

I was reading in an article put out by the Waltham Field Station about how they develop seed corn varieties. It is really quite an intricate stunt. A recent history of sweet corn varieties in the United States lists almost 1000 white and 200 yellow named varieties. And now new varieties are coming so thick and fast that the seedsmen simply give them numbers instead of names.

Golden Bantam is of course the most famous of the open pollinated varieties. Golden Cross Bantam which was introduced in 1933 is the outstanding hybrid variety. All varieties not hybrid are known as open pollinated.

Hybrid corn is produced in several ways. The simplest method is two inbred strains planted side by side. One is detassled entirely so that all of the seed is the result of a cross, and no seed is saved from the strain on which the tassels are left. Corn from this method of crossing is known as a single cross hybrid.

Inbred corn is produced when both tassels and silks are bagged and the fertilization process is done by hand. This inbreeding is continued for at least four or five years in order to fix certain desirable qualities, undesirable qualities at the same time being eliminated.

A top cross is produced by crossing an inbred with an open pollinated variety. A three-way cross variety is one whose seed is produced by the transfer of pollen from an inbred to the silks of a single cross hybrid. Hence it is a three-way hybrid made up of three unrelated inbreds. A double hybrid is a cross of two single hybrids which is, therefore, the product of four unrelated inbreds.

Now if that isn't complicated, I don't know what is, and so I guess when the field station men and others tell us that Coal Black or John's Yellow Pink are the best varieties for the home gardener, we will simply have to take their word for it.

Not only do corn breeders work for quality, but they work for other things. For example, bacterial wilt is a very destructive disease, and many of the hybrids are resistant to this disease, while old varieties are not. Furthermore, they try to cut down the number of days from planting to ears. Some corn varieties produce in 65 to 70 days while others take 80 to 85 days and perhaps longer. And now don't forget that if you want either a list of the new varieties of flowers or a list of the best vegetable varieties, you are going to drop me a post card.

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### TWISTING THE DIALS With A. L. SIMON

Roy Moulton, managing director of the Hotel Piccadilly, says an interesting commentary on Radio is to be found in the annual police report of the Missing Persons Bureau of the New York Police Department. A stage or screen career is the aim of girl runaways, according to the head of the bureau. But rarely does a girl run away for a radio career! The reason is a curious one. Radio stations are to be found in practically every city and town in the country. Therefore, it is too easy to embark on an air career—but Broadway and Hollywood are, nine times out of ten, vast distances from the runaways—and distance lends enchantment!

On the other hand, though, we asked a group of professional models what they would prefer to do in the entertainment field and every one said emphatically, "Radio!" We remember when the answer used to involve only the silver screen and footlights.

It seems that girls who want a "break" today know that the airwaves may be a stepping stone. That initial step is right in their own backyard—with the local radio station.

There are dozens of cases where local stations have produced network stars who in turn have turned to the legitimate stage and from the footlights, they have wandered off to the enchantment of Hollywood.

CHATTER: The informality of Town Hall programs makes them charming as well as informative. . . . Joe Sullivan, one of America's great swing pianists, is leading his first band at Cafe Society . . . when the Vox Pop program was taken to the Stock Exchange, Johnson and Butterworth paid a broker a dollar for correctly answering a question . . . "This is the first money I've made this year!" said the Bull-and-Bear man . . . WOR has a new one tagged Comedy By . . . each week's show will present a different comedian . . . Tommy Dorsey is grooming one of the gals in his quartet for the vocal spot with his crew . . . Sergio Orta is bringing a new musical score to the rhumba-laden Havana Madrid club . . . that extra laugh from the studio audience when George Jessel thanked Sir Cedric Hardwicke "for letting your hair down" was Cedric's own idea . . . as Jessel said the words Hardwicke pointed to his own baldish head and pantomimed "what hair?" . . . success story: Carol Hansen, a little Brooklyn girl, won a beauty contest . . . someone discovered she can sing, and now she has her own program! Ben Grauer has to fly down to Miami each week for the Kay Kyser airings . . . Isabel Manning Hewson the woman commentator, wouldn't have any more musicians as guest stars on her early morning program . . . twice prominent band leaders have slept through appointments! . . . Charlie Barnett has taken over Jan Savitt's musical chores at the Hotel Lincoln . . . maestro Basil Fornean has a collection of Russian operas which beats the one in the Library of Congress . . . he has the score of every one ever published!

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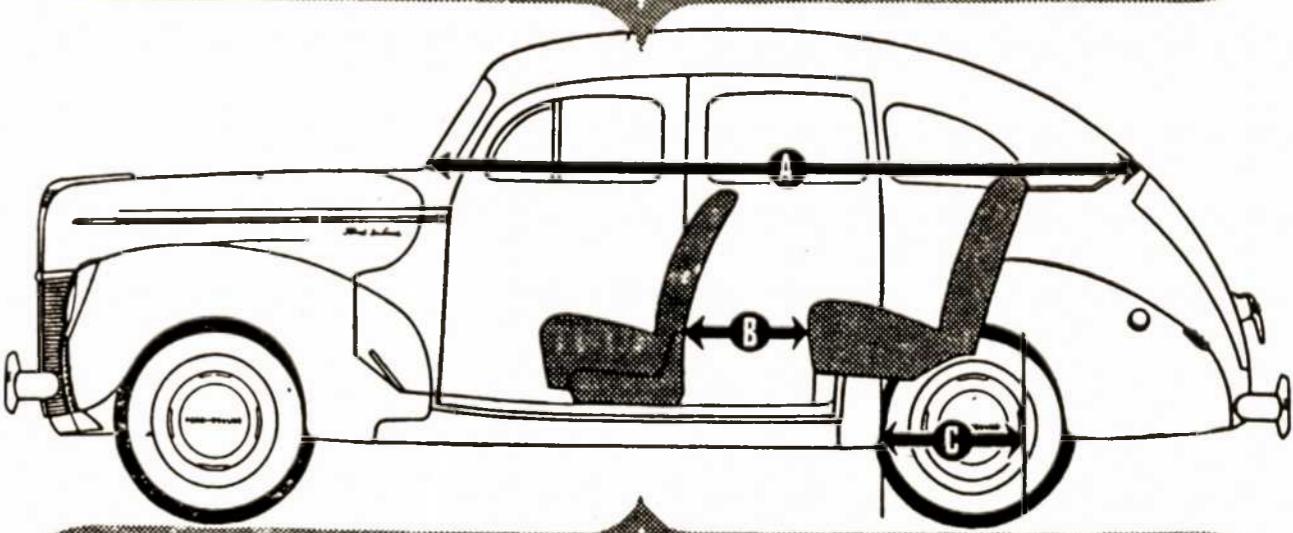
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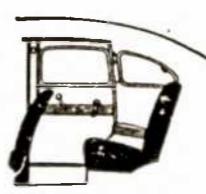


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Del Monte RED SALMON	can 24c
Gortons Ready to Fry	
Codfish Cakes Can	11c
Underwood Maine CLAMS	can 10c
LeChoy SPROUTS	3 No. 2 cans 25c
BISQUICK	large package 26c
Hershey Chocolate SYRUP	3 1-lb. cans 25c
Peach, Peachpine and Apricot	
Delmonte Pure Preserves Jar	13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> c
Sunmaid Seedless RAISINS	2 15 oz pck 15c
Pine Cone Tomato CATSUP	14 oz bot 9c
Del Monte FRUIT COCKTAIL No. 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> can 21c	
Del Monte PEACHES	No. 1 can 10c
Hurff TOMATO JUICE	46 oz can 15c
Jim Dandy PEACHES	No. 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> can 15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> c
B. & M. Oven Baked	
Assorted Beans 2 Large Cans	25c
SHRIMP (for salads)	can 10c
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## TOWN TOPICS

### West Northfield and South Vernon

The speaker at the South Vernon church on Sunday morning at 10:30 will be Dr. J. Glover Johnson of the Bible department of Mount Hermon School, Sunday school will be at 11:45, evening service at 7 and Thursday evening at 7, prayer service at the Vernon Home.

The new pastor of the South Vernon church, Rev. Benjamin White, will not take up his residence here until about April 15. He will occupy the pulpit one Sunday in March. He is preaching at a church in Maine.

Joseph Szestowicki and sons have recently completed the erection of a new barn on their premises, which will be used for stock and hay.

Mrs. Hattie Baker, age 70, formerly a resident of Vernon, died last Friday at the home of her son Walter in Shrewsbury, Mass. Her body was brought here to the home of her son Herbert and after funeral service in St. Michaels R. C. church in Brattleboro was buried in St. Michaels cemetery. She was the widow of James A. Baker.

Mrs. Frank Holton is somewhat improved. She is able to sit up a while each day.

The Vernon Union P. T. A. will hold their postponed entertainment next Wednesday evening at the Vernon town hall. Children from all schools and their parents will take part in the program. The regular meeting of the South School P. T. A. will be omitted in February.

Miss Ruth Dunklee had as her guest last week end, Miss Eleanor Wilson, a classmate at Castleton Normal, when she returned home. John Becher entertained his mother of Cobleskill, N. Y. last weekend and visited friends in Whately on Sunday.

William Beyette, who was injured recently, is improving at the Franklin County hospital.

Mrs. William Burrows, who has been very ill, shows some improvement and Miss Clark of Bernardston is assisting in her home.

Ethelyn Berry, has returned to her home from the Farren hospital but is still under the care of a doctor and nurse.

The Just We eight club met at Leon Randalls Monday night and will gather at Owen Stacey's next Monday evening.

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My friend, what will it show? Have you on your appointed way Made progress — yes or no?

The log will tell, like guiding star, The sort of captain that you are.

Contrary winds may oft beset, Mountainous seas may press, Fierce storms prevail and false lights lure,

You e'en may know real stress. Yet, does God's hand hold fast the helm,

There's naught your ship can o'erwhelm.

For weal or woe, this year is yours;

Your ship is on life's sea;

Your acts, as captain, must decide

Whichever it will be.

So now in starting on your trip, Ask God to help you sail your ship.

A purse of silver was presented to Joseph R. Colton and A. P. Pitt attended the monthly meeting of the County Board of Fire Underwriters at the Mansion House in Greenfield last Monday evening.

Carly M. Hecht of Brattleboro was in town Tuesday. He is preparing his catalog on gladioli bulbs and his advertisement will shortly appear in our columns.

Fred L. Tyler of Charlemont, who recently left his home for library purposes to his community, died in Florida, where he had gone for the winter with James Fisher of this town. Mr. Fisher will remain south indefinitely.

A letter from Mrs. Alice B. Vinton of Ann Arbor, Mich., formerly of this town, states that she is well and very busy in the activities of her student homes of the University.

Harry L. Gingrass of the Northfield Pharmacy was called to Madson on Tuesday owing to the death of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McNeil of Maple street have closed their home and are taking a three weeks trip to visit at Miami and Key West, Fla.

Lawrence Day of Gill is improving after an operation for appendicitis at the Farren hospital.

It is announced that commencement for Mount Hermon school and the Northfield Seminary will be held on Monday, June 10.

Mrs. Isabel Smith, of the youth hostel, is remaining at Tucson, Ariz. for a few weeks longer to benefit her health.

James A. Delaney, formerly of Orange, who now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Litts on Main street will observe his 85th birthday next month.

Mrs. Russell Durkin was a guest speaker, Tuesday evening with the Philathete class of Goodale Memorial church in Bernardston.

According to an inventory filed in Probate court, the estate of the late Rose Kendrick of this town, was appraised personal, \$2804.05 and real estate, \$5475. Mrs. Kendrick died last Nov. 23.

Troop 2 of the local Girls Scouts held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Vernal Hurlbut on Tuesday afternoon. Members are making scrap books to earn a merit badge.

The Northfield Fish & Game association, Monday evening voted to have a banquet, show and dance in the town hall in April.

Sam True-dell, William Dalton, and Donald Truesell were chosen to make plans.

The California Coudens will give an entertainment in the Vernon town hall early in March for the South school P. T. A.

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## EDITORIAL

"The modern small town business man has many problems, but if he keeps his feet on the ground and uses his head there is no reason why he should not hold his own with any and all competition," says the Chieftain, of Enterprise, Oregon. "He has the means at hand to give personalized service, sell good merchandise at fair prices and above all be a friend of his customers."

The fact is that the small town business man has demonstrated beyond argument his ability to do just that. Gone is the day when the independent merchant spent most of his time beating his breast and demanding that his chain store competitors be hamstrung with legislation and taxation. The modern independent goes to work in the face of competition, exerts himself still more to please his trade—and the customers keep right on coming in. The small merchant has ideas and vision—and has been responsible for many innovations which have helped build and hold business.

PRAYER OF  
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Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

"OF ALL THINGS"  
By SEEZER

At last we know what it is that has frozen the citrus crops, spoiled Southern vacations, and emptied our coal bins. Volcanoes. Yep! Last summer Alaskan and Southern Pacific volcanoes threw millions of tons of dust in the air, forming a thick film that blocks off the rays of the sun; and the stuff hasn't settled yet. Our brilliant sunrises and sunsets this winter are due to the same dust, says Robert M. Dole, U. S. Meteorologist of Portland, Maine.

Wayside Notice—Egg drinks, made by Egg Spurts.

Any day now the Chief Executive may enter the political ring for the third time on a Gallup (if the poll is correct). Many folks think he will. Some hope so. Others

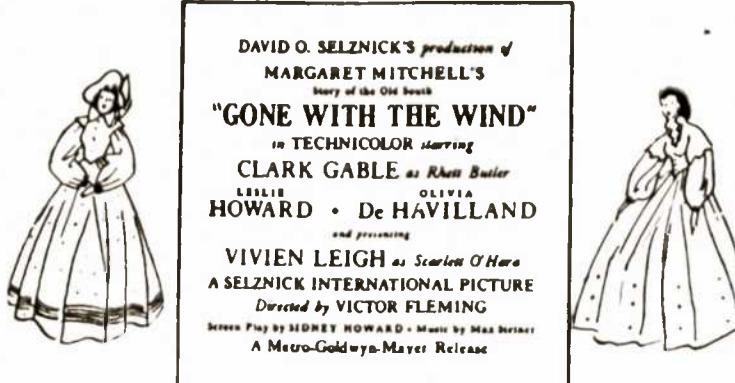
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ers fear so. Meantime the dark horses won't attract much attention while the spotlight is trained on the main ring. We'll have either a real race, or a mere solo right next fall. It all depends, my friends.

Editorial notice—One drop of ink may make a million think.

American newspapers and radio cause Joe Stalin and Adolf Hitler many a headache. This is proved every day by the volume of mail received from short-wave stations abroad. "Americans are not only the best informed people in the world, but the combined efforts of the American newsmen, press services, and broadcasters, are responsible for informing large sections of the population of foreign countries," says Paul W. White, of Columbia Broadcasting Company.

The original Little Eva lives practically next door to us. She is Mrs. Cordelia Howard MacDonald, and in 1852 she played Little Eva in the first performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Last Thursday she celebrated her 92nd birthday quietly in Harvard, Mass.

## Lenten Notice

Some go to church to take a walk; Some go there to laugh and talk; Some go there to meet a friend; Some go there their time to spend; Some go there to meet a lover; Some go there a fault to cover; Some go there for speculation; Some go there for observation; Some go there to doze and nod; The wise go there to worship God.

—Anon

Seen it? The Chateau by moonlight, with the snow all around, and the tall turrets plating themselves with silver. And the soft shadows splashing gently on the frosty lawns of the formal garden? It is something.

Ever fish with an axe? Well, it can be done. Down in North Carolina a stream changed its course and then froze. Result: 15-pound bass harvested in buckets with saws and axes. Oh, to be in North Carolina, now that winter's there!

Why should folks go to Sun Valley when they can ski just as well here in the Pioneer Valley?

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You know that . . . Construction is under way on the reservoir at Franklin Falls for flood control on the Merrimack River, and also on the Knightville Dam to control the Westfield River . . . Contracts will be let this spring to start the reservoir at Birch Hill on the Millers River . . . Massachusetts during 1939 acquired 227 new industrial concerns employing more than 11,000 persons . . . Northfield Seminary was established by Dwight Lyman Moody in 1879 for the daughters of farmers; two years later, in the neighboring town of Gill, Doctor Moody founded the Mount Hermon school for boys . . . Moby Dick and other tales by Herman Melville were written at his home, the "Arrowhead" in Pittsfield . . . The highway route from Boston to Princeton is about 122 miles; the steam route is only about 60 . . . Paper for some of the leading national magazines, including the Saturday Evening Post, is supplied by Massachusetts mills . . . The Marine hospital in Chelsea was originated by the Boston Marine Society at a meeting held in the Bunch of Grapes Tavern, Boston, in 1790. It was first located in Charlestown . . . Lawrence K. Miller of Pittsfield, editor of the Berkshire Eagle, has assumed his duties as member of the State Planning Board, succeeding the late Hon. Clarence J. Biladeau.

## Card of Thanks

I want to thank the many friends who have helped to make my twenty-fifth anniversary in the telephone office such a happy time. It will be something that I shall treasure always in my heart.

—Blanche I. Corser

To The Citizens  
Of Northfield:

I wish to express my deep appreciation of your action in the recent town meeting relative to my services as a trustee of the Dickinson Memorial library. From the time when the cornerstone was laid until the present, the welfare of the building and the contents have been of vital importance to me and will continue as long as I live. I thank you.

—Nellie N. Wood.

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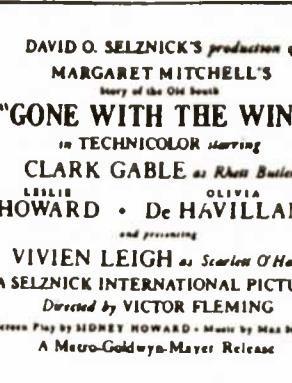
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